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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Thomas DANIEL, et al.

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Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

- The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references, some of which are cited in the attached International Search Report listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of reference(s) AA and AO through AR, have been received by the U.S. PCT Receiving Office from the International Bureau as acknowledged in the Notification of Acceptance.
- A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

RELATED CASES

- Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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- Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
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- Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

References AE, AJ through AN and AS through BU on Forms 1449:

These references are discussed in the specification.

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	AH	5,066,745	11/19/91	F. ENGELHARDT, et al.			
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	AL	4,990,338	02/05/91	L. M. B. BLANK, et al.			
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	BH	0 316 792	05/24/89	EUROPE (with corr. US 4,931,497)			X
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